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Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Opportunities

To whom it may concern:

I am a college senior graduating early (i.e. this December) and am interested in what I can do to work for/volunteer for the President's race initiative. I would prefer to be on the front lines or in Washington but am willing to go anywhere to work on this. Indeed, it is the issue.

A little background on me: I am a student at Duke University from NH. I have done very well academically and have thought a large amount about race and equality. My senior thesis offers 3 definitions of "American liberty." I have been awarded the John Hope Franklin Award for Documentary Studies through the Center for Documentary Studies in Durham, NC. I will send more personal info if I receive an address to which I can send this information.

If you cannot give me information, please direct me to someone that could. I have begun to try to reach John Hope Franklin directly since he is occasionally in my area but could use any help you could offer.

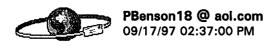
Again, this is basically what I want to do with my life and would be willing to help out in a variety of ways. (One suggestion I have is, like the FSA did in the 1930s, to document what is going on right now with race through photos.)

My e-mail address is ejg2@acpub.duke.edu. My phone number is

My address is Box 92659, Durham, NC 27708. Please contact me as soon as you can.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Eric Gottesman



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: video project

Hi, my name is Pam Benson and I am in the very early stages of developing a documentary about student groups that engage in discussions about racial issues. A few years ago I wrote an article for the Boston Globe about this topic and found that this was one of the most exciting--albeit difficult-things happening in schools. I have read a lot about "OneAmerica" and am wondering if whether the work I am doing might fit into one of your proposed initiatives. So, I look forward to hearing from you and finding out more about "OneAmerica" outreach activities that might possibly integrate this project. Thanks--Pam Benson



mulholland @ mindspring.com 09/17/97 01:58:00 AM

Record Type:

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To:

One America

cc:

Subject: One America needs a voice

Hello,

The initiate needs us. We are here.

I am a 28 year old musician and graphic designer living in New York City and have many friends who are also artists in the musical, visual and performing arts. We have interest in starting up a community arts program designed to bring community members young and old of diverse ethnicities together in an environment of openness and respect.

At http://www.whitehouse.gov/Initiatives/what.html, I read,

"national outreach efforts, such as the recruitment of leadership for reconciliation and community-building projects; and the call for active American citizenship."

I, as an active American citizen, would like to know how to start up such a program (as the one mentioned above) under the auspices, and perhaps funding, of One America, as it seems to be a perfect candidate for this initiative.

Respectfully,

Joseph Mulholland



blaine @ infoserv.utdallas.edu 09/16/97 09:21:00 AM

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To:

One America

cc:

Subject: How can UTD particpate?

I was very excited to hear about the President's Initiative on Race, when it was announced this Summer. Despite significance changes in attitudes over the last forty years, race continues to stress the seams of our One America. I hope the lack of widespread press coverage since the announcement is not an indication of troubles for the effort. I suspect, rather, that those involved have used the last three months to map a plan for nationwide events, discussions, conferences, etc.

At the University of Texas at Dallas, and especially within the School of Social Sciences, we are interested in participating in the national discussion. Perhaps we can host a conference or lecture. Perhaps we can help provide student volunteers for other activities in the Metroplex. Perhaps you all have other suggestions that could coordinate well with other plans in the region.

Dr. Rita Kelly, Dean of the School of Social Sciences at UTD, asked me to check into the possibilities of our participation in some capacity. Please send your response to the email address on this message. We look forward to working with the President's Initiative on Race.

Blaine Collins The blaine@utdallas.edu http://www.utdallas.edu/~blaine

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HARRISBURG, Sept. 9 -- House Democratic Policy Chairman Mike Veon, D-Beaver Falls, responded today to President Clinton's call for a national conversation on race by outlining a resolution which would require the governor to establish a Commission on Race Relations to spark dialogue throughout the state.

On June 14, the president challenged American citizens to begin to talk honestly with each other about racism between all ethnic groups. The president's initiative establishes an advisory panel to help educate Americans about the facts on race relations, and to promote a dialogue in every community of the country to confront and work through these issues.

"This call for a national conversation on race and ethnicity is unprecedented in our history, and I think this commonwealth should fully participate in this pursuit of racial harmony," Veon said. "Like the president, I believe that no matter what strides we've made on the race issue to date, this country has a lot of work to do yet before we can truly claim to be "One America," he added.

Veon noted that racism is, unfortunately, alive and well in Pennsylvania, where a large and active Klu Klux Klan organization exists. In fact, according to a 1995 Attorney General's report, Pennsylvania ranks in the top four states for number of hate groups. And the number of hate crimes in Pennsylvania is on the increase.

"This intolerance makes our claims of a free and diverse society ring hollow. Ultimately, if we don't make a greater effort to understand each other, to appreciate our differences, we cannot possibly be free," Veon said.

In response to this problem, Veon will offer a resolution which calls on the governor to create a commission on race relations. This racially diverse commission would be charged with articulating a vision of racial reconciliation and of a unified Pennsylvania.

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The commission would also be responsible for:

- -- educating Pennsylvanians about the facts surrounding the issue of race
- -- promoting a constructive dialogue to confront and work through the difficult and controversial issues surrounding race
- -- encouraging and recruiting leadership at all levels of society to bridge racial divides
- -- recommending to President Clinton, to the governor and to the general assembly policy and statutes aimed at bridging the racial divide.

The commission would be required to report back after one year with its recommendations.

The commission would be required to review and report on:

- -- hate crimes.
- -- racial prejudice by corporations, government and businesses
- -- affirmative action
- -- environmental justice
- -- educational inequity
- -- poverty
- -- affordable housing
- -- racial minority hiring practices
- -- sentencing practices
- -- number of and activity level of hate groups

The commission's plan would include extensive outreach efforts, such as town meetings, especially in areas with significant racial minority populations. Finally, the resolution requires the general assembly to encourage every county and municipal government to establish a local commission on race, and to encourage all citizens to participate in this effort.

"Passage of this resolution can put Pennsylvania at the forefront of the president's initiative and make it a model for a constructive dialogue on the state of race relations today. As the birthplace of liberty, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has a historical record as an incubator of democracy. The words "all men are created equal" were written here. Abraham Lincoln gave his historic address on freedom and equality in Gettysburg. With such a legacy behind us, we should all be eager to take up President Clinton's challenge to make sure the unerring truth of those words is ultimately realized in this nation," Veon said.

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Veon noted that, in his speech to the NAACP convention in Pittsburgh this summer, Gov. Ridge said that this state has a plan to heal, to bring us together and leave behind racial injustice in favor of racial harmony. Veon said his resolution is intended to complement the governor's intentions.

"President Clinton gave us a year to answer his challenge. Three months have already gone by since his San Diego speech. If we are to fulfill the promise of America in the 21st century, we need to begin now to take care of the unfinished business of eliminating racism in our society," Veon said.

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Jascenna.Haislet @ uni.edu 09/04/97 04:04:00 PM

Record Type:

Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: addresses

I have some information about a performance/discussion of a new work on racism by playwright J.e Franklin that is being premiered at the University of Northern Iowa this month that I would like to share with the Advisory Board. Where and to whom do you suggest I mail the information? Thank you. Jascenna Haislet, Director of Marketing, Theatre UNI



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: One Step Toward Solution

Greetings,

Board members or staff may find the ideas expressed in this program of interest to the work of the Board.

Beyond Affirmative Action: A Global Vision

On Thursday September 25, 1997 at 7:30 am, award winning author, storyteller and speaker Thomas S. Watson Jr. will bring his vision of the future to the Center for Visionary Leadership in Washington, DC. In what promises to be an action packed, thought provoking morning seminar, he will provide a new leadership vision for 21st century Washington. He will address corporate downsizing, emerging spirituality and lessons from economic history. His use of popular folktales and myths will make this a stimulating experience which people will be able to immediately use in their work, family and community lives. It will allow participants to transform and to tap into their existing skills to change their future. His idea that flexible survival skills are the basis for emerging global leadership has been confirmed by audiences across North American, Europe and Southern Africa. He will demonstrate how this creates a competitive advantage for Washington leaders, using examples from his book, Connecting People. This presentation will broaden listeners vision of what is possible for them to achieve on a local, national and global scale.

"Our challenges as corporate, political and institutional leaders are to overcome shortages by bringing talented people to world opportunities and bringing needed goods and services to those who need them.

Rapid change and the fear it produces has many leaders narrowly focused on 'me and mine'--personal or group rights to a job, education and a home--a short term focus. But peace and prosperity come from attention to serving - improving life for mankind, not just a community, nation or race. Guidance in spiritual literature--the Torah, Bible, Quran, Bhagavad-Gita and other scriptures--supports this approach.

Discouraging yourself or anyone you can influence from maximum achievement in service to mankind is cheating God and settling for less than each life can contribute to the well-being of humanity." says Thomas S. Watson Jr., Author, Connecting People.

Well known authors and institutions are singing praises for him and his book, Connecting People:

"Connecting People contains breakthrough. It's a must read for leaders

working within the changing marketplace, workplace, classroom or community."says Ken Blanchard, Co-author, The One Minute Manager

"Excellent speaker. He makes it very clear that we are all in this together."; Tonya Brinkley, Staffing Specialist, RHI Consulting

"Thought provoking, engaging, warm and respectful insight. Excellent speaker. Excellent program."; Jim Robinson, Director of Human Resources, Allied Signal

"I highly recommend Connecting People as one of those books, that will lead to transformation and will influence an entire generation. A must read for black and white professionals alike who want to lead instead of follow."says G eorge C. Fraser, Author, Success Runs In Our Race

"This is fantastically good material. In interest and writing Connecting People is excellent. The stories are powerful and well presented."says Minnes ota Book Awards

"Connecting People brings wonderful wisdom and inspiration to the world. This book will raise your vision of the possible and open new ways of respecting and honoring yourself and others in your life."says March Shimoff, Co-author Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul.

"Connecting People beautifully teaches us that in the global environment of today, we must move beyond acceptance and toleration into accepting our cultural differences." Steven R. Covey, author, 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

"Watson's working premise--this notion of cultural flexibility, this suggestion that one look at the world differently, that those who inhabit it find new ways to interact, operating from a base of what connects us rather than what separates us--is so timely and on-target." Chicago Tribune

"Connecting People shows how understanding cultural diversity can help in providing win-win outcomes on global business dealings. As illustrated through the medium of folklore, Connecting People demonstrates that one person's expendable commodity may be another's premium values." Bert N. Mitchell, Chairman of Mitchell & Titus

The world renowned speaker, Tom Watson is a former international trade advisor to the U. S. Government and official private sector member of the U.S. delegations to the GATT and NAFTA negotiations. He has explained the practical uses of spiritual principles in corporate boardrooms, and radio/tv studios of many nations. His work has been recognized by the District of Columbia City Council and the U.S. Congress for contributing to the economy and uplifting all people. He has spoken at worship services for churches, temples, masjids and mosques and as a featured speaker for local programs sponsored by professional societies and educational institutions.

This seminar is open to the public. By special arrangement, members of the DC Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Washington and the Washington Association of CPAs will be admitted for a discounted. To register for this life-changing experience, call the Center for Visionary Leadership at

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202-237-2800. Connecting People will be available for purchase at the seminar.

Thomas S. Watson, Jr., can be reached at PO Box 34071 Washington, DC 20005 USA; (6)(6), or by email TSWatsonJr@aol.com.

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Record Type:

Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: what can I do?

I am so proud of our president for bringing the issue of race to the forefront of our society. As a European American man, he brings credibility to the issue that race is not just African Americans', Latinos' and other persons of colors' problem, but it is a concern for us all.

Please tell me what I can do in my own community to participate in this effort. I am currently employed as a psychologist at Duke University, Dr. Franklin's most recent home, and I am eager to begin participating in these efforts. Feel free to contact me at the numbers listed in my signature.

Fax: 919.660.1024

Thank you,

Alfiee M. Breland

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"life is a series of mysteries we must each unravel at our own pace" -anonymous



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Participation in the President's Initiative on Race

I would like to commend President Clinton on his commitment to One America. I would like to participate in this initiative in any way. I am the Director of the Department of Minority/International Affairs of the American Physical Therapy Association. We have many members that would be able to contribute to the dialogue in a poistive fashion. Please add me to the list of those interested in becoming involved. Thank you.



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Re: President Clinton on Race Relations: What Do We Think?

Yes, I do think open, honest dialogue between the races will improve race relationships. There is a national program called Study Circles which already has a curriculum in place on race relations. Before I joined FIRST as Executive Director, I was an employee of the YWCA of New Castle County, Delaware, where I worked to launch Delaware's Study Circle Program on Race Relations. While Delaware's program is too young to have produced definite results as to the efficacy of the Study Circles Program, I saw the results of Study Circles Programs in other communities.

Communities like Lima, Ohio for example, where groups which had never before collaborated came together to host a multicultural fair and celebrate the different races and ethnicities of all citizens. Communities like Los Angeles, where 100 Study Circles set up after the Rodney King verdict and riots helped to restore order to the community and begin the healing process. In fact, the community started more Study Circles around the time of the OJ Simpson trial to prevent any race riots that could have occurred following that verdict.

My experience with Study Circles has shown me the value of the program and I wholeheartedly believe that it does improve race relations. It is common for people of different races to sit down at a table together and speak openly about their experiences with racism. When an African American woman is sitting in front of you crying and telling you how she felt when she could not get into the college of her choice despite her high grades and qualifications, you, as a white person suddenly realize what racism has done to our society. These Study Circle discussions take it away from black v. white and bring it one-on-one to a personal level. Ann lets Bob and everyone else know how she felt growing up as an African American; Bob lets Ann and everyone else know how he felt growing up as a white American. Once the personal dimension of racism is seen, felt and understood, the Study Circles participants then return to the societal issue, with a new understanding of the problem and a commitment to solve it.

If you wish to get more information about Study Circles, their e-mail address is "scrc@neca.com". I could not give any program a higher recommendation when it comes to race relations.



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Subject: What I can do

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vinmartin@aol.com MHVCS@aol.com Blackraven@msn.com vemartin@geocities.com

Thank you, and I hope to hear from you in the near term.

Regards,

Vincent E. Martin

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To:

One America

cc:

Subject: ONE AMERICA INITIATIVE

To Whom It May Concern:

I experienced some difficulty earlier trying to send this mesage, and I don't know if it was mailed by the system. Please accept my apologies if you did receive a similar message.

My organization has worked for nearly two years developing a proposal that deals with many of the issues One America undoubtedly will address. We are confident our efforts will help the President and his advisors with the implementation of the One America Initiative.

To whom can I send the proposal to ensure it will receive meaningful consideration?

I may be reached at one of the following telephone numbers or e-mail address:

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kaartis@aol.com

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In advance, thank you.

Sincerely,

Kennon A. Artis Managing Partner Robinson-Leggett Group, Inc.

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To: One America

cc:

Subject: Town Meeting on Race

My name is Sarah Reynolds and I am a Librarian here at the Rochester Institute of Technology. I am also a member of RIT's Commission for Promoting Pluralism. Each year in April the Commission sponsors a Conference on Racism. This coming April 1998 will be our fourth year for our conference. We are very impressed with President Clinton's One America inititative, and whole heartedly support his efforts. We would be so honored if President Clinton and His Advisory Board would give serious consideration to holding one of the four planned Town Meetings here at Rochester Institute of Technology. Race relations are of great concern to the members of RIT's Commission for Promoting Pluralism, and would very much like to offer to the RIT community and to the local Rochester Community the opportunity to have an open dialogue with the President on such an important topic. Race is one of those topics that no one wants to discuss because it can be a very painful thing to do, but I truly believe that if we are to become ONE America that this dialogue must take place. Rochester is a community that unfortunately quickly becoming segregated. The inner city is suffering in housing, economic development, crime and many other things that only destroy a person's confidence that things can get better. I believe that President Clinton would find Rochester Institute of Technology and the Local Rochester community a great place to hold one of his town meetings. I hope that serious consideration will be given to this request because I feel that this university and this community is in great need of this type of dialogue. I can be reached here at RIT at (716) 475-2613 at home at

(b)(6) or email at srrwml@rit.edu. My mailing address at work is Rochester Institute of Technology, Wallace Library 90 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, N.Y. 14623 or at home (b)(6)

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I hope to hear from you in the very near future.

Sincerely,

Sarah Reynolds > [Text Version]

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This Initiative needs you. President Clinton recognizes that the success of his Initiative on Race and the reality of his

vision for One America depend on the full participation and



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To:

One America

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Subject: Air National Guard Diversity Effort

Greetings,

I enjoyed your web site and reading the transcript of the President's San Diego speech. We have a project going for the U.S. Air National Guard (ANG), part of the U.S. Air Force, that you may wish to use as a benchmark for your national efforts.

This particular project is called "People Potential 2000... and Beyond" and was chartered by our ANG Human Resources Quality Board (HRQB) to address the issues of fairness, recruiting, and retention of a diverse workforce in the ANG.

The project is leading edge in many respects:

- We make large-scale use of WWW-enabled brainstorming/discussion software systems to encourage and facilitate "Deep Conversations" on race, gender, and ethnicity.
- Our project team has been trained in action research techniques, large group facilitation, System Dynamics and Systems Thinking principles, and IBIS (Issue-Based Information System) in order to make them more effective researchers, team members, and advocates.
- We are running large "town meeting" planning and community building sessions using the principles of large group interventions like Weisbord and Janoff's "Future Search Conference" and Robert Jacobs' "Real Time Strategic Change" (RTSC) methodology. Our next will be in St. Louis, MO, 22-24 August, where we will gather leaders from across our system to commit to the National Diversity Strategy and build local action plans. We'll be using RTSC methods. Perhaps President Clinton or someone on his new Advisory Panel would like to come by and kick off the session on Friday, 22 August.
- Our project team (with the help of a DC contractor) has built a computer simulation of the dynamics of diversity management in the ANG. The process of constructing the simulation forced team members to focus and clarify their thinking on this complex issue. Using this "Management Flight Simulator", participants can make policy decisions concerning training programs, leadership emphasis, retention bonuses, funding, and many other factors and examine the effects of those decisions on overall diversity, mission accomplishment, and workforce quality, among others. We have distributed well over 100 copies of the

software to our units across the country.

- We have high level support: Major General John Hobbs, Assistant to the Director for Readiness and Chair of the HRQB, is the guiding force behind the project. Major General Don Shepperd, Director of the ANG, and Brigadier General Paul Weaver, Deputy Director of the ANG, have both been vocal, active, and forceful supporters.
- We have a highly supportive workforce: our experience in Houston, TX in February, where we gathered 250 representatives from around the country for a structured, three-day "town meeting", convinced us that people from throughout our system are charged and ready to tackle this issue. (Very few bashful or quiet people showed up for that one!)

You are more than welcome to any more in-depth briefings that you would like. You are also welcome to send a White House staff participant to our session in St. Louis in August. Opening remarks by the President or one of his Advisory Panel members would be great too.

Regards,

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One America

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Subject: President Clinton on Race Relations: What Do We Think?

I'm posting this to two lists---civic-values and urban leaders. I'm also including the email address for the White House Initiative on Race Relations--OneAmerica@whitehouse.gov--as a respondent here this post and all responses to it will go directly to the lists and to the White House "OneAmerica" Web Page.

This past wee, President Clinton called for a national initiative to improve race relations in America. The main strategy so far seems to be a proposed series of community town meetings on race relations held around the country, spearheaded by a new Advisory Commission on Race Relations just appointed by the President.

. John Hope Franklin, the Commission's Chairman, expressed what he hoped might come out of this effort:

Dr. Franklin: We hope that the action will lead to a

- > number of things. We hope that it will lead to very specific
- > improvements in education. We hope that it will lead to very specific
- > improvements in housing, elimination of housing discriminations of
- > various kinds. We hope that it will lead to specific elimination of
- > discrimination in employment. We hope that it will strengthen the
- > mechanisms that are in place now that have to do with the elimination
- > of employment discrimination. We hope that it will lead specifically
- > to the creation of large numbers of groups of people working in their
- > own communities to improve the whole climate and, in turn, the whole
- > set of policies with respect to race relations and that sort of thing.
- > It can lead to a lot of things and those are only a few. I have
- > colleagues here who are as well informed -- perhaps better than I.

So what do people on civic-values and urban-leaders think? How are race relations going where you live? Would a town meeting on race relations in your community make a difference? If so, how? If not, why not? What else must be done to improve race relations where you live?

If we get a reasonable dialogue on this here, I'll create a web page on Neighborhoods Online to share these responses with a wider audience.

In the meantime, I've added the White House web page on the

Initiative to the "Issues" page of Neighborhoods Online.

The direct URL is:

www.whitehouse.gov/Initiatives/index1.html

So what do we think of the President's Initiative on Race Relations? Will it make a difference where we live?

Ed Schwartz, Institute for the Study of Civic Values, 1218 Chestnut St., Rm. 702, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107 215-238-1434 edcivic@libertynet.org

The ISCV home page can be reached at http://libertynet.org/~edcivic/iscvhome.html

Also check out "Neighborhoods Online" at http://libertynet.org/community/phila/natl.html. It's the Institute's project with LibertyNet to support neighborhood activism.

To subscribe to the Institute's international mailing list send to majordomo@civic.net the one line message: subscribe civic-values

To subscribe to the Institute's Pennsylvania mailing list send to majordomo@civic.net the one line message: subscribe penn-neighbor

"Citizenship is the American ideal. There may be an army of actualities opposed to that ideal, but there is no ideal opposed to that ideal."

--G.K. Chesterton



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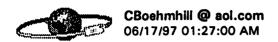
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Subject: OneAmerica

This is such a wonderful opportunity!! It is time we celebrate the diversity of our national community!! Please e-mail me and inform me of how I can help President Clinton and Vice President Gore in this most important initiative. I truly think that OneAmerica will become the over riding legacy of Bill's (If I may be so presumptuous !!) historic eight years in office (hopefully followed by eight years of President Gore!!). I found the President's recent commencement speech introducing the initiative so moving. Let me know how I can help!!

A citizen in New Mexico



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To:

One America

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Subject: Reaching For The Higher Ground

Dear President Clinton:

This is my second letter to you from the Vancouver/Vancouver Island Chapter of the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI). The first letter had to do with the Tuskegee Study. At that time I applauded you for "taking a principled stand."

I now write to you in support of OneAmerica and to THANK YOU for speaking to Americans in encouraging us to "reach for the higher ground" in apologing for slavery.

As a Director of the Vancouver/Vancouver Island, British Columbia Chapter of NCBL.

 NCBI-Canada I have a few suggestions on how NCBI (we have approximately 65 chapters across the U.S. and 100 campus affiliates) can help you move this initiative forward. Our International Headquartes are located at 1835 K Street,NW,Suite 715, Washington,DC 20006 Telephone:(202) 785-9400;Fax:(202) 785-3385

With the support of Congresswoman Louise Slaughter in 1993, NCBi led two prejudice reduction programs for members of the U.S. Congress and their staff. In 1994 NCBI launched a team out of the New York State Governor's Office to train thousands of state employees in NCBI models.

President Clinton, I urge you to consider our 14 years of work in the areas of prejudice reduction, conflict resolution, and organizational consulting in moving your initiative forward. Our strengths are in our numbers, our commitment to building coalitions among disparate groups, emotional healing, and forgiveness.

You can count on NCBI to raise the current dialogue in a non-blameful, non-judgmental way, a way that supports all of us in healing the wounds that divide us.

As a U.S. Citizen living and working in Canada, I work regularly with our NCBI Seattle Chapter. Personally, I have worked directly with Seattle Chief of Police Norm Stamper and members of the Seattle Police Dept. Chief Stamper can attest to our effectiveness in controversial issues.

I look forward to a response either directly to me or to our Washington, DC office.

Sincerely,



Charles Boehm-Hill, Director Vancouver/Vancouver Island Chapter NCBI-Canada



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To:

One America

CC:

Subject: race relations

To whom it may concern,

I am a senior at Syracuse University and have been very involved in many diversity programs in my three years here. I have worked with many organizations and committees across campus to help in the education of not only tolerance but acceptance.

Last September I helped to chair and organize a rally about diversity and community and the detrimental effects of hate speech. We called it "Planting the Seeds: A Speak Out Against Hate." Many student organizations, university offices, and over 400 students came together to speak or listen about the ideals of community and diversity and what people can do as individuals. Although the event was prompted by the presence of Dr. Khalid Muhammad on our campus, the speak out retained a pro-active and positive tone. Organizations that sponsonsored the evnet include Hillel, Jewish Student Union, Pride Union (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Students), Office of Multicultural Affairs, Office of Arican American Programs at Hendricks Chapel, Muslim Ministry, Lutheran Ministry, Alibrandi Catholic Centre, Interdenominational Protestant Ministry, Residence Hall Association, and Office of Residence Life.

I would be interested in hearing what others have done on their university campuses or in their towns to promote racial harmony.

Keep up the great work that this program has started.

Sincerely, Jordan Potash



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To:

One America

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Subject: Initiative on Race

To whom it may concern,

I am a professor of theology at a seminary related to the American Baptist Churches, USA, and much of my teaching in that discipline is related to cross-cultural issues and the promotion of racial reconciliation. It would be helpful if you included in the Initiative aspects and resources that deal with education as well as "individuals, communities, businesses and government."

Racism is pervasive throughout our society, and while "conversation" is an appropriate strategy for engaging this reality, it seems to me that we need also to educate each other. From my perspective, the white community needs to learn about, and develop critical understanding of, its complicite role in fostering a culture of systemic exclusion. Educational institutions are "systems" that need to be re-wired, and I would hope that the movers and shakers in the Initiative would attend to the development of resources suitable for use in educational settings.

I look forward to the advance of the Initiative, and am ready to assist in any way.

Sincerely,
Douglas R. Sharp
Professor of Christian Theology
Northern Baptist Theological Seminary



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Regards,

Vincent E. Martin

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To:

One America

cc:

Subject: C.T. Vivian Race Awareness Seminar

Dear Mr. President.

We understand that you are interested in improving race relations in the United States and We applied you in that effort. We want to let you know of what we have been doing in the Raleigh-Durham area to work towards that same goal of improving race relations and bridging the divide that separates Americans along racial lines.

Since 1989, Nortel and other companies in the Raleigh-Durham area have sent thousands of their employees to C.T. Vivian's B.A.S.I.C. Race Awareness Seminar. C.T. Vivian's seminar is a VERY powerful tool to get inter-racial dialogue going on a deep meaningful level in a short amount of time.

Since 1989, people who have attended C.T.'s seminar, have been participating in bi-weekly inter-racial follow-up sessions that continue to reach toward deeper levels of understanding between blacks and whites. We also work on issues of gender, class, age, religion and sexual orientation.

We encourage you to come down to Raleigh and see what we are doing in working to unravel the manifold problems of Race in America. We would also encourage you to attend one of C.T. Vivian's seminars first hand.

We are very enthusiastic about what you are doing to improve race relations in the United States, and we hope to have more dialog with you and your advisory board in the future. Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can be of service.

Thank you for your time,

John Otteson

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otteson@nortel.ca

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Donnie Perkins

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To:

One America

cc:

Subject: The Race Initiative

Mr. President,

Again, you are on target. I am looking to you as our leader to point the way to the future.

As a single mother of a bi-racial young man, I want to help create a world/environment that embraces my son and all of our "children".

I am proud to be an American, I have not given up or in to the hostility, fear, confusion and anger my heart has felt over the 44 years of my life as a black women in this land of the free.

I want to DO ANYTHING and EVERYTHING I can do to be free.

Towards that mission, I continue to befriend, love, teach, share my life with anyone who will just show an inkling of desire to know me for the loving, concerned HUMAN BEING I am.

This summer I am volunteering along with 60 + neighbors of mine to offer classes on subjects we have learned through living to our children and their friends. We have created a cirriculum of course and are presenting them via our neighborhood organization.

I remember you saying "we are in this together". I remember Maya Angelou saying in her poem " as you walk down the street every morning if you pass a fellow human look them in the eye and say "GOOD MORNING" I too, live the Idea "It takes a village to raise OUR children"

I feel such passion on these subjects, I want to talk with you someday to tell you how deeply I love this country. I see how these old ways are ripping at her very fiber.

I want you to know that I am listening to you, and following you and your guidance on how to be an American every day. I thank you, Mrs. Clinton and your team of dilligent public servants for your efforts.

Necia Gamby, Kansas City MO



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Subject: Serious Participation In The President's Initiative On Race

I am very much interested in participating in this very important project. What do I need to do to get involved and have serious input.

Thank you.



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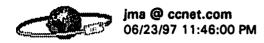
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Dear Mr. President,

I sincerely appreciate your initiative in the area of race relations in America. I am a Presbyterian minister and would like to offer my prayers and my support for this effort. It is clear to me that the key to our future as one America lies in our ability to successfully address the growing divide between us over the issue of race. The issues of crime, drugs, unemployment, poverty, violence, health care delivery as well as many other challenges are rooted in inequities within our nation that foster a spirit of hate and self-centeredness. Some in our nation believe that these issues can be controlled by creating a police state and building more prisons and turning Churches into police precincts. However, it is my view that a fundamental change in our attitudes toward each other is the key to the survival and growth of our nation. I applaud your effort in this regard and offer my support in any way possible to assist in this effort.

Sincerely Yours,

The Reverend Andrew Lee Stephens Jr.



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Recovering Racists Network

Dear Advisory Board,

I would like to introduce you to my project to help heal racism and overcome intolerance. Among our aims at Recovering Racists Network(RRN) is to inspire people to take personal resposibilty for healing racism. We want to give support to people who believe and are ready to admit the by growing up in a racist culture, there is no way the could have avoided becoming racists themselves. I would like share more information about RRN with you if you could let me know where to mail this information. You may also visit our web site at http://www.jmckenzie.com/rrn for information.

I am available at your service for anything I can do to help you with your project. If I may be of any service, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

John McKenzie, Founder, Recovering Racists Network HELP!



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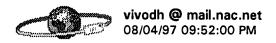
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cc:

Subject: Please Send Me Information

My husband is a training coordinator and developing human rights corriculum with the UN International Police Monitoring Task Force in Sarajevo, Bosnia. I have been working with him for the last 5 years. He has been a national trainer and consultant to law enforcement agenicies on cultural awareness. His Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies from Fuller Theological Seminary and his 15 years with the Seattle Police Department has given him a unique background. I believe that we could be of some help in the One America program. I will look forward to hearing how you might feel we could participate more effectively. Thank you.



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To: One America

cc:

Subject: Keep Affirmative Action Alive

The New Jersey Coalition for Affirmative Action njcaa would like to have the opportunity to present to the panel the many voices that have come together through our coalition to press for the continuance of affirmative action as the major initiative to level the playing field of opportunity for all Americans.

Please con't hesitate to contact us.

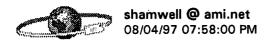
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Subject: One America

I, like millions of Americans, am one who is very interested in seeing this country not repeat the mistakes of the past and demonstrate to the world that people of diverse ethnic backgrounds can live together in harmony. In my own personal search for how we came to this point in our existence as a nation, I have observed what I believe is a parallel between the birth and growth of what we know as racism in this country and the emergence of tobacco as a major industry. I have attached a brief discussion of this view (it was created in WP 6.1) to share with your Advisory Board. I would be grateful to receive an e-mail response should you find it possible. (FYI: I currently serve as Director of Research for Howard University's WHUR-FM.)



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One America

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Subject: The Fact Finding Committee for the Litte Rock School District D

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Smc8@uxa.ecn.bgu.edu>

To: oneamerica@whitehouse.gov

Subject: The Fact Finding Committee for the Litte Rock School District Desgeration Plan (fwd)

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Date: Tue, 29 Jul 1997 11:22:39 -0500 (CDT) From: Markton Cole <bsmc8@uxa.ecn.bgu.edu>

To: oneamerica@whitehouse.gov

Subject: The Fact Finding Committee for the Litte Rock School District Desgeration Plan (fwd)

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Date: Fri, 25 Jul 1997 14:31:17 -0500 (CDT) From: Markton Cole <bsmc8@uxa.ecn.bgu.edu>

To: oneamerica@whitehouse.gov

Subject: The Fact Finding Committee for the Litte Rock School District Desgeration Plan

To: Mr. John Hope Franklin Advisory Board Chair

The President's Initiative on Race

From: Mr. Markton D. Cole Student Representative

The Fact Finding Committee for The Little Rock School District

Desegregation Plan

Re: Committee Findings and Recommendations

Date: July 22, 1997

Mr. Franklin I would like to commend you on your appointment as Chair to the Advisory Board for the President's Initiative on Race.

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I had the opportunity to view the first scheduled meeting of the Advisory Board on C-Span and I was impressed with the direction the that the Board is taking on issues such as education and crime.

I am a 21 year old African American male student currently enrolled at Chicago State University. I am a native of Little Rock, Ark. As a former student of the Little Rock Public Schools, I had the opportunity to serve as a representative of former students for The Fact-Finding Committee For the Little Rock School District Desegregation Plan-Is it Working for African American Youth? I was selected to give the committee better insight on the effects of the Desegregation plan on African American Students in the Little Rock School District nearly forty years after the Crisis at Little Rock Central High School. I currently serve on the Illinois Board of Higher Education-Student Advisory Committee as Executive Secretary, continuing in my efforts to ensure quality education for all students.

The Fact-Finding Committee issued a report to the Little Rock Community in September of 1995. It is a report that I would like to share with you and the other distinguished members of the President's Initiative and all other interested parties. It is my belief that this report will give you and the President better insight on what is occuring with children of all races in the Little Rock School District forty years after the Crisis.

Please feel free to e-mail me at the above address or contact me by mail or phone if you have any questions and also to leave information on where I may send you and others a copy of the report. Thank you and May God bless each of you!

cc: Mr. William F. Winter

Ms. Linda Chavez-Thompson

Mr. Robert Thomas

Ms. Angela E. Oh

Ms. Suzan D. Johnson Cook

Mr. Thomas H. Kean

Mr. Christopher Edley/Consultant to the President and Advisory Board Members of the Presidents Initiative on Race Advisory Board Staff

Markton D. Cole



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Record Type:

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To:

One America

cc:

Subject: One America Initiative

At this point I think that I would need knowledge of activities that I can get involved in, in my area. Include points of contact: names/phone numbers.

I would like to get involved in this effort because I believe in its principle.

I will continue to check back here so that I may be a part of what should be a historic initiative.



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: One America

My name is Peter Kraut. I am a 27 year-old graduate of Goucher College in Baltimore, MD. My BA is in history, with a focus in cultural anthropology. I have taken courses towards a MA in Public Policy at the University of Maryland.

Having grown up in Washington (I attended public school until 5th grade, then went to Sidwell Friends, from which I graduated in 1988), I have been interested in race relations since my early teens. I am hoping that I might find a paid position as a research assistant in the One America project until its completion.

My interest in race is broad in scope: I have written and researched both historical and cultural issues, and also policy solutions for the present and future, most notably affirmative action (Mr. Edley's and Mr.Stephanopoulos's report to the President was one of my sources for a semester-long study I did on affirmative action in the fall of 1996)and public education (in spring of 1997 I took a course called, "The Politics and Policy of Education Reform" with William A. Galston, who served as the deputy assistant to the President for Domestic Policy from 1993-95).

On the policy front, I see the President's statement that "the single, most important thing we can do to give our children world-class education is to insist on high national standards...we don't have to settle for second-class expectations or second-class goals for any of our children," as hitting the nail right on the head. All children can achieve, and it is possible to design an education system that helps children from all backgrounds to do so. And in order to protect the rights and opportunities of individuals who have achieved, the findings of the Department of Labor's "Glass Ceiling Report" showed that affirmative action is still a necessity.

On the cultural/historical front, I believe that it is impossible to understand present-day race-relations without looking at the past, beginning with the slave-trade and plantation culture, moving through emancipation and reconstruction, the migration north, and the civil rights era. It is quite clear to me that the present-day culture of urban poverty is a direct legacy not necessarily of slavery, but rather of the legalized and de facto discrimination that persisted in the north and south from emancipation to the present. By way of academic study, I am particularly interested in contrasting the experiences of African-Americans who migrated north in the early 1900's to those of

Europeans immigrating to northern cities during the same historical period. For example, the lack of career opportunities available to black men at that time, due solely to discrimination, had enormous impact on the social structure of black families, where the female often became the bread-winner. Likewise, studies done by Howard University in the 1920's reveal that many African-American communities put an enormous value on the education of their children--higher, in fact, than many white ethnic groups. But when Jim Crow and unequal funding did not give black children adequate resources, when black children were taunted and berated during every attempt to desegregate, and, most importantly, when intelligent and creative African-American high-school and college graduates were simply not allowed to use their talents and live to their potential in the larger American society, this will, over generations, have long-lasting deleterious effects. While, in theory, all black children today have equal rights to education and opportunity, the social and cultural effects of generations of discrimination are difficult to overcome. This in contrast to European immigrants who were not discriminated against (as much) in the work-place, who were able to generate, save, and re-invest capital in their ethnic communities, and to build institutions that gave their community the vitality and stability necessary to move positively into the future.

To present such a thorough view of history to the American people is essential to easing race-relations in the 21st century. History explains the present. In this case, the history we are uncovering is one of which white America should be ashamed, and about which African-Americans have every right to be indignant. Yet shame and finger-pointing will help nobody. White individuals today are not guilty of the sins of their ancestors. Yet they still must learn to confront and understand the past and its legacy today. Black individuals, likewise, are not responsible for the hardships they have faced. Yet government "reparations"--a touchy issue, of course, as SOME forms of welfare and affirmative action--and resentment towards present-day white-America do not foster the self-respect that was stripped from so many generations of African-Americans.

Our responsibility, then, is two-fold: 1)to design policies that help remedy present-day urban poverty: education reform that involves the community in the education process by holding children and their parents to high standards; creating urban empowerment zones to help businesses in urban areas; continuing the work of agencies such as the Small Business Administration to help minority businesses get and maintain momentum, and the EEOC and OFCCP to protect against any and all forms of discrimination in the workplace; and 2)to bring to the American people a clearer and more complete of version of the past and how it has led to present. To do this by changing the way we teach our children American history. Black History month, for example, should not be a only one month. American History does not exist independently of Black History, as it is impossible to discuss American culture without recognizing it as a hybrid of all the people that make up America, the cultural contributions of Africans-Americans being perhaps greater than those of any other single ethnic group. Not to mention that the entire economic structure of the ante-bellum south rested upon the free labor of slaves. When we teach children about George Washington and Thomas

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Jefferson, then, we must point out that they owned slaves. When we teach about World War I & II, we must point out the existence of segregated battalions. When we teach about Susan B. Anthony and women's suffrage, we must point out that many African-Americans were prevented from voting in the south until well into the 1940's and '50's.

Will it be difficult to teach these painful facts of history to black and white children as they sit next to one another? Certainly it will, as it will be difficult for parents to listen at the dinner table to what their children learned in school that day. But it is necessary to do so in order to bring the difficult ambiguities of race relations into the open and move past them. It seems to me that one goal of "One America" might be to appoint a task force of teachers and pedagogists to design a curriculum that includes such issues. (Of course the next great hurdle would be convincing states and localities to adopt the federal government's recommendations, but this is omni-present issue in education reform, and indeed, in all policy).

I have written more than I had intended, so thank you for taking the time to read this. I will look forward to a response by e-mail, regular mail, or phone to let me know if there is someone to whom I might submit a copy of this letter, my resume, etc.

Peter Kraut (b)(6)

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To:

One America

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Subject: Thanks

Ms. Judy Winston **Executive Director** President's Initiative on Race Relations (PIIRR) 6000 Independence Ave., S.W., #5400 Washington, D. C. 20202

July 24, 1997-Th-1254

CO: OneAmerica@whitehouse.gov,

Re: Request For Access To PilRR's Information Flow

Dear Ms. Winston:

This communication is a request for assistance. First! PIIRR is an excellent opportunity for America; timely.

May I help? How may I contribute to the President's Initiative on Race Relations' (PIIRR)? Would you at least place me on your mailing list for activity; especially in Wisconsin and the entire Midwest?

Thank you for considering this inquiry.

Sincerely,

Dr. Andrew B. Haynes, Ph.D. SOCIAL SCIENCE CONSULTANT Individuals, Groups and Organizations 4920F South 19th Street, Suite FU Milwaukee, WI 53221

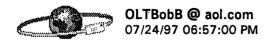
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To:

One America

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Subject: community-building project

I would like to send you information (press clippings, video documentary) about a project that seems to fall within the third central element of the "One America" initiative: community building.

The project was a citywide grassroots effort aimed at bringing together artists and other community members to combat racism. The community project that evolved was open to anyone, regardless of age, gender, race, background, location, or experience level. You can meet several of the people who participated and hear them tell their own stories on the video.

All in all, it was a magnificent success that can be used as model in cities and groups anywhere. In fact, we are launching a follow-up project in Cleveland during the 1997-98 school year, with new components on cultural symbolism and literacy.

If you would like to receive the information, please e-mail me with an address where to send it to. I'd be happy to share the results and experiences we've had.

Luanne Bole-Becker Project manager, "A Scrap of Pride" (216)228-5015 OLTBobB@aol.com



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Race Relations Initiative

President Clinton should be commended for his insight and tenacity in taking on this issue. This site is the perfect vehicle to dissiminate info relating to this initiative. I found it informative and well organized. Keep up the outstanding work.

As webmaster of Black Urban Professionals Online E-Zine, http://www.buppie.com, I ask to be included on any exsisting mailing list ref: the race relations initiative. We will link to these pages and create a dialogue and provide feedback from our constituants.

Thank-you.

Troy E. Mosley Co-founder BUPPIES Onlline



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One America

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Subject: No Subject

The Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill has given permission for the Education Committee of the Dutchess County Human Rights Commission Roundtable to conduct the next in a series of dialogues on race at their site. This series, ongoing in Dutchess County N.Y., is called, "Addressing Racism-BeyondTolerance".

This will be the fourth session. The dates for this upcoming session are August 5,7,12,14. The four dates make up one session.

ERVK Exec. Dir. Daniel Strasser provided invaluable guidance and assistance in the planning of this event.

As facilitator of this series at Val-Kill I will be able to keep One America

to speed on the progress of our efforts here in the Hudson Valley. Keep up the good work- Rob Rondon (Ed.Comm. D.C.H.R.C.R.)



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One America

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Subject: Katharine Drexel of Philadelphia Story Can Aid OneAmerica

To: Mr. Thomas Kean, Advisory Board Member, OneAmerica Fr: Joseph O'Neill, Public Relations Dir, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

The OneAmerica initiative could use American role models in its quest to change people's hearts. I invite you to examine one such role model and how we can be of help to make OneAmerica a success.

One of our nation's greatest female heroines, Katharine Drexel (1853-1955) of Philadelphia, wqs a pioneer in race relations with African Americans and Native Americans. In all probability, Pope John Paul II could name her a "saint" of the Catholic Church as early as 1999, making her the United State's fourth declared saint, a very high-profile national news worthy event.

Katharine Drexel gave up her family fortune to found a congregation of religious women who have served the needs of African Americans and Native Americans since 1889. They continue to work with these groups today.

But, Katharine Drexel's life is an American story. Here was a woman who believed in self sacrifice, and who traveled to the wild west and to the hate-filled south to build schools to provide education to the oppressed groups. She confronted racism with bold action in places where her schools were not wanted.

I invite you to examine more about her life at the web site of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament at:

http://www.libertynet.org/~sbs

I hope I can have further dialogue on how the story of Katharine Drexel and her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament can aid the OneAmerica initiative.

Sincerely,

Joseph O'Neill
Public Relations Director
Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament
1663 Bristol Pike
Bensalem, PA 19020
(215) 244-9900 ext 28



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Katharine Drexel for OneAmerica

To: Ms. Judith Winston, Executive Director, OneAmerica

Fr: Joseph O'Neill, Public Relations Dir, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

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To:

One America

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Subject: First Contact

This is simply to express my interest in initiaing and developing an ongoing contact/relationship with your Initiative for One-America; and to offer any assistance or contribution that I am able to make to this very necessary effort of "national preservation." I applaud the President for his vision and the committe for its undertaking of the responsibility.

More than 25 years ago, as a young military officer, I became involved as a "Race Relations Instructor" in the United States Army, necessitated to reduce/illiminate the violence we were perpetrating against each other as fellow soldiers as well as to enhance the effectiveness and cohesion as a fighting force. The experience was foundational to a subsequent career in the Federal Government at several levels to seek and assure equal employment opportunity for Federal employees and applicants. In this regard, over the years, I have held various positons as Equal Opportunity Coordinator, Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, Complaints Processing Manager, Affirmative Actions Officer, as well as Complaints Investigator. The combined experience further created a desire to seek and find peaceful solutions to the miriad of conflicts and violence that we daily experience at the familial, community, and national levels, by inspiring me to invest in pursuit of a terminal degree in Conflcit Resolution and Peace. I will conclude this most recent effort within a few short months. In the meantime, please use my experience if you can. I may be reached at my office at the National Science Foundation at 703/306-1741 or e-mail: iking@nsf.gov Commissioning of this effort is a blessed act. ILK



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To:

One America

CC:

Subject: interested constituent

To Whom it May concern:

Our office received a letter from a constituent who is extremely interested in becoming involved in Presidetn Clinton's intiative on race relations. The constituent's name is Terence S. Carter. He has been recognized by USA TODAY's 1997 ALL-USA High School Academic First Team. He received the nomination for his work in race relations. He is interested in giving student input to the comission. If you have any information on how this man could become involved our office would appreciate anything you could allow us to relay to him. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Rachel Denger
Intern
Office of Congresswoman Morella



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Town Hall Meeting

Congratulations on the "One America" website and the successful launching of the Initiative.

We are interested in hosting one of your upcoming Town Hall Meetings. UNC-TV is North Carolina's statewide public television network. We have followed the issue of race and race relations since January of 1987 on "Black Issues Forum" (http://unctv.org/bif).

We are especially interested in making the UNC-TV resources available for a possible Town Hall since John Hope Franklin is the Chair and a resident of our state. We look forward to discussing the possibilities of utilizing our facility or hosting one anywhere in our state.

Thank you for your consideration. You may call me directly at 919-549-7165.

Sincerely,

Jay Holloway
Director of Educational Services
Executive Producer/Host

Copy: Dr. John Hope Franklin



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Illinois

We were very pleasedwith President Clinton's commitment to make race a nation priority. Thelllinois Ethnic Coalition recently published a handbook on Chicago's many ethnic groups, which is being very well-received here. In addition to profiling the most prominent groups, it contains 9 essays on why race and ethnicity mean something in our society. It is the first type of publication we knew of in the country. IEC would like to send a copy to the president and the members of the task force. Please e-mail me on the best way to do this. I would also like to continue a conversation with the White House on the future of the task force and what sort of thinbgs they will be doing, writing about, etc. Perhaps it would be possible for us to host them in Chicago? We would have a packed house. IEC has been working on race and ethnic issues for more than 25 years. We are currently holding a series of forums on race and ethnicity in the 21st century, in colloboration with Roosevelt University in Chicago. These forums have been extremely well attended. IEC is located at 55 E. Monroe St., #2930, Chicago, IL 60603.



Record

To:

One America

CC:

Subject: Responding!

I would really like to know how I can help. This situation really hits home for me. I am an Asian american female parent. My husband is Italian and Black. We have a 7 month old son. Our son is obviously diverse in cultures and I would really like to do anything I can to help support the President in his endeavor. Please let me know how I can help. As I stated, this matter really hits home with me. I know it may be a dream, but I would really love to see my child grow up and go to school, without all the racial tension and predjudice!

Thank you!



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: One America

I am interested in your initiative and would like to help. Please inform us of developments, etc.

Sincerely, Bev Corwin bev@enso-company.com



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To:

One America

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Subject: To: Dr. John Hope Franklin

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To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Voter participation

It seems to me, Mr. President, that only with voter participation will such a noble dream become a reality for all of America.

Presently within our society we have many divisions. They seem to be passed down from generation to generation. Regardless of race, creed, or religious training these divisions separate us tremedously.

Mr. President, coming from the South yourself, you can fully appreciate these feelings and see the need for strong shifts and changes within our culture to help move us into the new millineum.

All layers of peoples, social levels, and groups, must be incorporated into a single, stronge-voiced group of voters dedicated to bringing about true unity within these United States of America. Then, through unity we will see the hope of our Forefathers granted throughout our wonderful land.

I know it is an incredible undertaken. One that we can only do together. But, Mr. President, it can and must be done! For a nation divided against itself will fall as surely as a house divided against itself.

On whatever level I can support your endeavors to promote a truly one America I would be honored, Sir. You can count on my support for this worthy cause.

Sinerely dedicated to this mission,

Michael G. Murphy	
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To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Note to OneAmerica

Hello!

As an organization development and change practitioner with a subspeciality in managing diversity and undoing racism, I would like to know how I can help! I'm a graduate of Pepperdine University's internationally respected master's degree in organization development and currently a student completing my doctorate in organization change at Pepperdine University (the only program of its kind). I am researching a technology I believe can help individuals reach their full potential while building community across differences. Please e-mail me at daphnedeporres@ibm.net thanks

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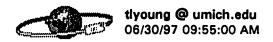
To: Whom It May Concern

My organization has prepared a comprehensive proposal that will lend help to the One America Initiative. How can I get the proposal in the hands of those able to make a decision on its applicability?

Please respond to me at:	7	
(b)(6)	or kaartis@aol.com	[013]
In advance, thank you.		

Sincerely,

Kennon Artis Managing Partner Robinson-Leggett Group, Inc.



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Michigan wants to help Race Initiatve

Greetings.

On behalf of the Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives and the MLK Symposium Planning Committee, I am writing to express our interest in using the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium at the University of Michigan to further the efforts of and collaborate with President Clinton's Initiative on Race. For the past ten years, the University of Michigan has celebrated the work and life of Dr. King through a wide variety of events which center upon issues to which Dr. King devoted his life and work. The MLK Symposium at the University of Michigan continues to be the second largest celebration of Dr. King in the nation.

In January 1997, a thirty seven member committee presented the Tenth Annual MLK Symposium with over 107 events spread throughout six weeks - January and into February - in order to accommodate the growing numbers of participants. In addition to celebrating the principles and values of Dr. King's life and work, these activities promised to be stimulating learning experiences for the University community. Faculty incorporate MLK Symposium activities into their syllabi as they plan for classes. These shared co-curricular experiences enhance the learning community of the classroom, and follow-up classroom discussions extend the value of the Symposium beyond the holiday.

Highlights of the Symposium include the 1997 Memorial Lecturer, Dr. Mary Frances Berry, Chairperson of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Major performance events included the Clark Sisters and Sounds of Blackness. Dr. Manning Marable, political activist and author and Dennis Banks, Native American activist, also offered lectures in the days following the Symposium. Other guests included Theodore Shaw, Dennis Hayashi and Amiri Baraka. Presently Author Cornel West is scheduled to give the Keynote address in 1998.

I invite you to view the 1997 MLK Symposium events on the following web page

http://www.umich.edu/~ovpama/oami/

Thank you in advance for your efforts toward making the Tenth Annual Martin

Luther King, Jr. Symposium a successful and meaningful celebration in the University of Michigan community.

For further information, please contact me at:

Tara L. Young, Program Coordinator
Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives
University of Michigan
3009-Student Activities Building
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
Phone: 313-936-1055

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"The wind blows strong and hard on the tender young trees, not to harm them, but to teach their roots to hold firmly to the ground."



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: An Article

I'm very interested in the President's Initiative on Race and think that it is time for something like this. In that respect, I would like to know if the President or the advisory board would be interested in receiving an article I wrote entitled, "The Affirmative Action Debate: Analysis and Criticism."

I am currently working on my Ph.D. at Howard University and the president of a management consulting firm, Resolution Dynamics, Inc., near Dupont Circle in Washington, DC.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance to this great initiative.

Sincerely,

M. Nicholas Mann RDI2@Erols.com



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To:

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cc:

Subject: One America

To whom it may concern:

As the executive director of the National Association of Jewish Legislators, representing 145 Jewish state legislators in 24 states, I would like to explore ways in which the Association and its members individually could assist in attaining the initiative's objective. I would appreciate someone contacting me at my office, 518-455-7529, at their earliest convenience to discuss our participation. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Marc Hiller, Esq.



hbppbp @ execpc.com 06/23/97 05:16:00 PM

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To:

One America

cc:

Subject: What We Can Do

I am a middle school principal in Racine, Wisconsin. I have downloaded and printed the information provided. I plan to share it with my assistant principals on Wednesday. My goal is to make a school project out of the goals. One think I would really like to see is the President coming to Racine for one of his town meetings. Among other things, our school district voluntarily desegregated successfully in 1974. Furthermore, our city and surrounding suburbs have become more or less naturally integrated. We do, however, have a significant minority population in the inner city, showing that we still have work to do. As we develop plans, I will share them.

John R. Nickelsen Mitchell Middle School 2701 Drexel Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53403 1-414-635-5780 hbppbp@execpc.com



Record Type: Record

To: One America

cc:

Subject: Katharine Drexel for OneAmerica

To: Mr. Thomas Kean, Advisory Board Member, OneAmerica Fr: Joseph O'Neill, Public Relations Dir, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

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Katharine Drexel gave up her family fortune to found a congregation of religious women who have served the needs of African Americans and Native Americans since 1889. They continue to work with these groups today.

But, Katharine Drexel's life is an American story. Here was a woman who believed in self sacrifice, and who traveled to the wild west and to the hate-filled south to build schools to provide education to the oppressed groups. She confronted racism with bold action in places where her schools were not wanted.

I invite you to examine more about her life at the web site of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament at:

http://www.libertynet.org/~sbs

I hope I can have further dialogue on how the story of Katharine Drexel and her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament can aid the OneAmerica initiative.

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Subject: Webmaster: Please Excuse Email Errors

Webmaster:

I resent 3 emails addressed to Mr. Kean, Ms. Winston and Mr. Franklin due to a bad return email address. You may delete the earlier versions of the email.

Thank you.

Joe O'Neill
Public Relations Director
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To:

One America

Subject: (The Mayor's Policy Statement)

The city of Springfield wants to play a significant role in the One America Movement.

Please contact Robert E. McCollum at

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or the Mayor's office 413-787-6100



mccollum @ javanet.com 07/16/97 04:20:00 PM

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To:

One America

cc:

Subject: City of Springfield, MA

The city of Springfield Massachusetts has applied to become one of the town meeting sites.

The Mayor Mike Albano has made a number of policy statement issue with regard to equality of opportunity here in Springfield I will send an edited down text of a historic speech he gave last thursday.

Robert E. McCollum



ada9z @ faraday.clas.virginia.edu 07/15/97 04:38:00 PM

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To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Racial Matters/Relations

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I would invite the Presidential Commission on Race to attend and participate in a meeting of MOsaic House, once school convenes in September. This would be an excellent public relations event: "The Commission Meets with College Students on Race", ect. It would also be an excellent chance to further their understanding of race relations on a younger scale. My email is ada9z@virginia.edu, and my phone number is 908-613-9745.

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I write this to suggest that if the Presidential Commission on race wants to examine method to improve dialogue between the races, they certainly need to examine microcosms of the US. There are also other school with multicultural houses with different programming. In addition, while there are many studyies on race to be examined, to observe the methods of cultural conflict revolutions would be imperitive.

I would invite the Presidential Commission on Race to attend and participate in a meeting of MOsaic House, once school convenes in September. This would be an excellent public relations event: "The Commission Meets with College Students on Race", ect. It would also be an excellent chance to further their understanding of race relations on a younger scale. My email is ada9z@virginia.edu, and my phone number is (b)(6)

We would be happy to accommodate any concerns or questions you might have.

(If it helps, I'm also a Democrat)

Sincerely, Adam Ambrogi

Public Relations Director, Mosaic House
President of the UVA Democrats
"Don't mind anything that anyone tells you about anyone else. Judge everyone and everything for yourself." -Henry James

"The possibility that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just." -Abraham Lincoln

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To:

One America

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Subject: I seek to be an active partner in your One America program.

Dear Friends....

I am a white catholic priest who has worked in the inner-city for over 25 years. I have also worked that long in broadcasting promoting racial harmony & reconciliation. I have won many awards for some of this work.

I invite you to have conversation with me.....Please visit www.racebridges.net and its new projects for youth and all. I would like to have you involved in this bold internet project. I also have a regular radio series with a black partner called The Race Question dealing with race issues and seeking new understanding.

But besides the above I have 25 years of work in inner-city, and you cannot leave the inner city out of your One America.

I would be honored to assist and help. Please contact me email or otherwise. Do not send me another formal letter from the President. I had a heck of a time trying to find a way to contact the staff of the new intitiative.

Thank you.

Father Derek Simons SVD Angels Studio Holy Angles Catholic Church 607 East Oakwood Boulevard Chlcago, IL 60653.

www.racebridges.net founder @racebridges.net 773-548-2333



Adrian.Collins @ house.state.tx.us 07/16/97 10:41:00 AM

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To:

One America

cc:

Subject: I would like to help

I would like to know how I can physically get involved with the One America Program.

My Name is Adrian K. Collins. I am an Administrative Aide to a State Rep. In Houston TX. Is there any thing that I can work on here in Houston.

Adrian Collins
Administrative Aide
State Represenative Scott Hochberg
E-mail: adrain.collins@house.state.tx.us



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To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Katharine Drexel of Philadelphia Story Can Aid OneAmerica

To: Mr. John Hope Franklin, Chair, OneAmerica

Fr: Joseph O'Neill, Public Relations Dir, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

The OneAmerica initiative could use American role models in its quest to change people's hearts. I invite you to examine one such role model and how we can be of help to make OneAmerica a success.

One of our nation's greatest female heroines, Katharine Drexel (1853-1955) of Philadelphia, wqs a pioneer in race relations with African Americans and Native Americans. In all probability, Pope John Paul II could name her a "saint" of the Catholic Church as early as 1999, making her the United State's fourth declared saint, a very high-profile national news worthy event.

Katharine Drexel gave up her family fortune to found a congregation of religious women who have served the needs of African Americans and Native Americans since 1889. They continue to work with these groups today.

But, Katharine Drexel's life is an American story. Here was a woman who believed in self sacrifice, and who traveled to the wild west and to the hate-filled south to build schools to provide education to the oppressed groups. She confronted racism with bold action in places where her schools were not wanted.

I invite you to examine more about her life at the web site of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament at:

http://www.libertynet.org/~sbs

I hope I can have further dialogue on how the story of Katharine Drexel and her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament can aid the OneAmerica initiative.

Sincerely,

Joseph O'Neill
Public Relations Director
Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament
1663 Bristol Pike
Bensalem, PA 19020
(215) 244-9900 ext 28

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We look forward to participating in your activities and will solict your participation in ours. We will be holding a Summit on Tolerance in the fall, specific date and place are pending. We will notify you as details are finalized.

We are moving forward with great enthusiasm and anticipate many positive results from the collective energies that will surely evolve from this iniative. If I may be of assistance in any way my contact information follows:

Atlanta Office Deborah Peek Crockett, Ph.D., NCSP **President** National Association of School Psychologists 1243 Willis Mill Rd. SW Atlanta, GA 30311 404-753-3307, Office (6)(6) Home and FAX

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National Office NASP 4340 East West Hwy., Suite 402 Bethesda, MD 20814 301-657-0270

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Sincerely, Deborah Crockett



Record Type: Record

To: One America

cc:

Subject: First Contact

This is simply to express my interest in initiaing and developing an ongoing contact/relationship with your initiative for One-America; and to offer any assistance or contribution that I am able to make to this very necessary effort of "national preservation." I applaud the President for his vision and the committe for its undertaking of the responsibility.

More than 25 years ago, as a young military officer, I became involved as a "Race Relations Instructor" in the United States Army, necessitated to reduce/illiminate the violence we were perpetrating against each other as fellow soldiers as well as to enhance the effectiveness and cohesion as a fighting force. The experience was foundational to a subsequent career in the Federal Government at several levels to seek and assure equal employment opportunity for Federal employees and applicants. In this regard, over the years, I have held various positons as Equal Opportunity Coordinator, Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, Complaints Processing Manager, Affirmative Actions Officer, as well as Complaints Investigator. The combined experience further created a desire to seek and find peaceful solutions to the miriad of conflicts and violence that we daily experience at the familial, community, and national levels, by inspiring me to invest in pursuit of a terminal degree in Confloit Resolution and Peace. I will conclude this most recent effort within a few short months. In the meantime, please use my experience if you can. I may be reached at my office at the National Science Foundation at 703/306-1741 or e-mail: iking@nsf.gov Commissioning of this effort is a blessed act. ILK



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: interested constituent

To Whom it May concern:

Our office received a letter from a constituent who is extremely interested in becoming involved in Presidetn Clinton's intiative on race relations. The constituent's name is Terence S. Carter. He has been recognized by USA TODAY's 1997 ALL-USA High School Academic First Team. He received the nomination for his work in race relations. He is interested in giving student input to the comission. If you have any information on how this man could become involved our office would appreciate anything you could allow us to relay to him. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Rachel Denger Intern Office of Congresswoman Morella



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To:

One America

CC:

Subject: Town Hall Meeting

Congratulations on the "One America" website and the successful launching of the Initiative.

We are interested in hosting one of your upcoming Town Hall Meetings. UNC-TV is North Carolina's statewide public television network. We have followed the issue of race and race relations since January of 1987 on "Black Issues Forum" (http://unctv.org/bif).

We are especially interested in making the UNC-TV resources available for a possible Town Hall since John Hope Franklin is the Chair and a resident of our state. We look forward to discussing the possibilities of utilizing our facility or hosting one anywhere in our state.

Thank you for your consideration. You may call me directly at 919-549-7165.

Sincerely,

Jay Holloway
Director of Educational Services
Executive Producer/Host

Copy: Dr. John Hope Franklin



Record

To:

One America

CC:

Subject: Illinois

We were very pleasedwith President Clinton's commitment to make race a nation priority. Thelllinois Ethnic Coalition recently published a handbook on Chicago's many ethnic groups, which is being very well-received here. In addition to profiling the most prominent groups, it contains 9 essays on why race and ethnicity mean something in our society. It is the first type of publication we knew of in the country. IEC would like to send a copy to the president and the members of the task force. Please e-mail me on the best way to do this. I would also like to continue a conversation with the White House on the future of the task force and what sort of thinbgs they will be doing, writing about, etc. Perhaps it would be possible for us to host them in Chicago? We would have a packed house. IEC has been working on race and ethnic issues for more than 25 years. We are currently holding a series of forums on race and ethnicity in the 21st century, in colloboration with Roosevelt University in Chicago. These forums have been extremely well attended. IEC is located at 55 E. Monroe St., #2930, Chicago, IL 60603.



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Responding!

I would really like to know how I can help. This situation really hits home for me. I am an Asian american female parent. My husband is Italian and Black. We have a 7 month old son. Our son is obviously diverse in cultures and I would really like to do anything I can to help support the President in his endeavor. Please let me know how I can help. As I stated, this matter really hits home with me. I know it may be a dream, but I would really love to see my child grow up and go to school, without all the racial tension and predjudice!

Thank you!



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: One America

I am interested in your initiative and would like to help. Please inform us of developments, etc.

Sincerely, Bev Corwin bev@enso-company.com

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To:

One America

cc:

Subject: To: Dr. John Hope Franklin

Dr. Franklin, I am the grandson of the late Mr. E.R. Bostic and the son of the late Gloria Bostic from Goldsboro, NC. I recently retired from The Dow Chemical Company with 27 years of experience in working in an all white environment and was one of the original pioneers in the sales and marketing area for this company. I have since started a small minority company with national scope for chemicals. The way that I survived in Dow and surviving with my new company is through the wisdom shared with me by my grandfather. I would like to share some of the wisdom given to me by my grandfather and wisdom obtained by working in this society as a minority.

I would like to set up a meeting with you either in North Carolina or Washington, D.C. to give you an overview of my experiences. I strongly feel that I can add information to unifying the races in this country if given the opportunity to express my thoughts. I am also glad to see that the council is not comprised of people that have strong political ties which will enable neutral views on race relations to surface.

I can be reached via e-mail at rakirk@allpure.com or (b)(6)	T8107
(b)(6) Telephone #517-790-0142 - Office,	20107
from you.	

Richard A. Kirk President ALLPURE, Inc.

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To:

One America

CC:

Subject: Voter participation

It seems to me, Mr. President, that only with voter participation will such a noble dream become a reality for all of America.

Presently within our society we have many divisions. They seem to be passed down from generation to generation. Regardless of race, creed, or religious training these divisions separate us tremedously.

Mr. President, coming from the South yourself, you can fully appreciate these feelings and see the need for strong shifts and changes within our culture to help move us into the new millineum.

All layers of peoples, social levels, and groups, must be incorporated into a single, stronge-voiced group of voters dedicated to bringing about true unity within these United States of America. Then, through unity we will see the hope of our Forefathers granted throughout our wonderful land.

I know it is an incredible undertaken. One that we can only do together. But, Mr. President, it can and must be done! For a nation divided against itself will fall as surely as a house divided against itself.

On whatever level I can support your endeavors to promote a truly one America I would be honored, Sir. You can count on my support for this worthy cause.

Sinerely dedicated to this mission,

Michael	G. Murphy	
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To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Note to OneAmerica

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As an organization development and change practitioner with a subspeciality in managing diversity and undoing racism, I would like to know how I can help! I'm a graduate of Pepperdine University's internationally respected master's degree in organization development and currently a student completing my doctorate in organization change at Pepperdine University (the only program of its kind). I am researching a technology I believe can help individuals reach their full potential while building community across differences. Please e-mail me at daphnedeporres@ibm.net thanks

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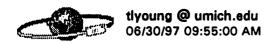
To: Whom it May Concern

My organization has prepared a comprehensive proposal that will lend help to the One America Initiative. How can I get the proposal in the hands of those able to make a decision on its applicability?

Pleasa respond to me at:	
(b)(6) or kaartis@aol.com	[020]
In advance, thank you.	

Sincerely,

Kennon Artis Managing Partner Robinson-Leggett Group, Inc.



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To: One America

cc:

Subject: Michigan wants to help Race Initiatve

Greetings.

On behalf of the Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives and the MLK Symposium Planning Committee, I am writing to express our interest in using the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium at the University of Michigan to further the efforts of and collaborate with President Clinton's Initiative on Race. For the past ten years, the University of Michigan has celebrated the work and life of Dr. King through a wide variety of events which center upon issues to which Dr. King devoted his life and work. The MLK Symposium at the University of Michigan continues to be the second largest celebration of Dr. King in the nation.

In January 1997, a thirty seven member committee presented the Tenth Annual MLK Symposium with over 107 events spread throughout six weeks - January and into February - in order to accommodate the growing numbers of participants. In addition to celebrating the principles and values of Dr. King's life and work, these activities promised to be stimulating learning experiences for the University community. Faculty incorporate MLK Symposium activities into their syllabi as they plan for classes. These shared co-curricular experiences enhance the learning community of the classroom, and follow-up classroom discussions extend the value of the Symposium beyond the holiday.

Highlights of the Symposium include the 1997 Memorial Lecturer, Dr. Mary Frances Berry, Chairperson of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Major performance events included the Clark Sisters and Sounds of Blackness. Dr. Manning Marable, political activist and author and Dennis Banks, Native American activist, also offered lectures in the days following the Symposium. Other guests included Theodore Shaw, Dennis Hayashi and Amiri Baraka. Presently Author Cornel West is scheduled to give the Keynote address in 1998.

I invite you to view the 1997 MLK Symposium events on the following web page

http://www.umich.edu/~ovpama/oami/

Thank you in advance for your efforts toward making the Tenth Annual Martin

Luther King, Jr. Symposium a successful and meaningful celebration in the University of Michigan community.

For further information, please contact me at:

Tara L. Young, Program Coordinator
Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives
University of Michigan
3009 Student Activities Building
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Phone: 313-936-1055 Fax: 313-764-3595

"The wind blows strong and hard on the tender young trees, not to harm them, but to teach their roots to hold

firmly to the ground."



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: An Article

I'm very interested in the President's Initiative on Race and think that it is time for something like this. In that respect, I would like to know if the President or the advisory board would be interested in receiving an article I wrote entitled, "The Affirmative Action Debate: Analysis and Criticism."

I am currently working on my Ph.D. at Howard University and the president of a management consulting firm, Resolution Dynamics, Inc., near Dupont Circle in Washington, DC.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance to this great initiative.

Sincerely,

M. Nicholas Mann RDI2@Erols.com



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Subject: One America

To whom it may concern:

As the executive director of the National Association of Jewish Legislators, representing 145 Jewish state legislators in 24 states, I would like to explore ways in which the Association and its members individually could assist in attaining the initiative's objective. I would appreciate someone contacting me at my office, 518-455-7529, at their earliest convenience to discuss our participation. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Marc Hiller, Esq.



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One America

cc:

Subject: What We Can Do

I am a middle school principal in Racine, Wisconsin. I have downloaded and printed the information provided. I plan to share it with my assistant principals on Wednesday. My goal is to make a school project out of the goals. One think I would really like to see is the President coming to Racine for one of his town meetings. Among other things, our school district voluntarily desegregated successfully in 1974. Furthermore, our city and surrounding suburbs have become more or less naturally integrated. We do, however, have a significant minority population in the inner city, showing that we still have work to do. As we develop plans, I will share them.

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Subject: Katharine Drexel for OneAmerica

To: Mr. Thomas Kean, Advisory Board Member, OneAmerica Fr: Joseph O'Neill, Public Relations Dir, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

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Subject: american indian concerns

my name is michael price my birth name was levi roy cosgrove. my three brothers and one sister were put up for adoption in 1950. i do agree that our placements were the best for us. our birth parents were not the best of parents, there is a major concern, when i was located by family members i needed to obtain copies of my original birth and adoption records which were sealed, the idaho legal aid native american unit assisted me with this action. but even using the indian child wellfare act the various judges we petitioned refused to cooperate. the child wellfare act is a federal act. i eventually learned that i could use a tribal court order. i did this but the agencies caused me considerable problems, idaho vital stastics did provide me a copy of my birth record, but when conparing it to my amended birth record i found discrepancies beyond what could be legally changed on a birth certificate. vital stastics requested the documents back. i reminded them that they had a court order and that the documents were mine. the next problem was with the childrens home society of idaho. even with a court order they have as yet to provide the requested adoption records. the last excuse they gave was that the request did not have their propper address, the shoshone-bannock court is assisting me with

what is needed is a stronger message in the ICWA so that judges and agencies must cooperate or sanctions would be brought against them. idaho legal aid has sevaral hundred files on hold like mine. they stated that i had set a precedent by obtaining a tribal court order. my many thanks for your assistance.

being native american is very important to tjose of us who are trying to return to our culture. we are still americans. we are proud of our heritage and we are proud to be native american. thank you. michael (levi)



Record

To:

One America

cc:

Subject: Just my viewpoint

Mr.President,

I am a black women and a corporate diversity trainer. I have a passion around not only inclusion of all races, but all types of people who are different. I am concerned that we (especially here in CA) spend so much time discussing the merits of Affirmative Action that we lose sight of other valuable discussions around diversity. A lot of companies I work with have hired People of Color (AA,Diversity Initiatives)but fail to realize that a big problem is in retaining these employees. This is primarily due to a lack of focus on developing people once they get in the door and creating an inclusive environment where everyone (including white males)can develop and help organizations hit their fast moving business targets. If companies are able to check off the scorecard for hiring diverse employees there will still be little accountability in terms of maximizing and developing all of their resources.

Thank you and Good Effort!

Cheryl Huddleston



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To:

One America

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Subject: race and reconciliation

hello and thank you for this opportunity to share input!! i have never had the chance to voice my ideas on such a level.....i am white, well speckled actually, i grew up in a town that had no black people in it, because they simply weren't allowed. my parents, however, strongly instilled in me the equality and sanctity of all life. now, as an adult, i live in an inner city neighborhood, when we moved in there was obvious drug sales three blocks away and we took some crap from our families for buying a home here. but, the drugs went away. i here that they are throwing kids out of school at my old high school, white kids, for wearing gang colors, maybe that's where the crack salesmen went. anyway, my neighbors on one side are black, the other hispanic, my child was the only white kid in her daycare....my life has become much more "multi-racial". i have a problem, however with the term "race". i beleive that there is little biological evidence to indicate that humans are anything but homo sapiens, the "white" populations are just as varied from each other as the "black" are from "white". what i think is the true difference, that we today are calling race, is culture. i beleive that tolerance has to extend to this idea of culture. many people would look at me and call me a "hippie". i look at someone and say they are a "yuppie", "gansta", "jew", "mexican", "asian". the groups of people who's skin have color, wear a physical indicator of their culture, at least that is the popular idea, still within the blacks you've got the muslims on one end and the gansta's on the other. am i babbling? race to me is nothing. culture, a person's beleifs, ethics, dreams, that to me is the crux of the matter. the jew's are white, and yet they've suffered persecution because of their culture.

all of the immigrant populations, regardless of their skin color have and do suffer the same......i have visible tattoo's so i am also marked with physical indicators of my culture, i am a woman as well. but gender is a problem for another millenium..... thanks again for the opportunity.... kim



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